



CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN

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FIRE THE
WEAPON, JUNE!
FIRE OR WE'LL
ALL BE
CRUSHED!

I-- I
CAN'T!

EAT AT
MAMA
APONTES
RESTAURANT

BULKIER
&
ABEL



Guest
Starring **DEADMAN** AND **SWAMP THING**

SURVIVING A CATAclysmic AIRCRAFT CRASH THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN FATAL--FOUR ADVENTURERS NOW CONSIDER THEMSELVES LIVING ON BORROWED TIME--FOUR MEN, JOINED BY A WOMAN IN LOVE WITH DANGER, NOW FACE ANY RISK--ANY PERIL--ANY FOE! TOGETHER THEY ARE--

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AN ANGRY WORD, A SHOUTED ACCUSATION, A SCUFFLE THAT ESCALATES INTO UNREASONING VIOLENCE; AND AS SUDDENLY AS THAT, A FRIENDSHIP ENDS...

STUFF IT, ROCKY!

YOU WANT TO MAKE A PASS AT JUNE, MAKE IT! BUT WE'RE FINISHED, WRESTLER-MAN...

WE'RE THROUGH!

KRAK

THE CREATURE FROM THE END OF TIME!

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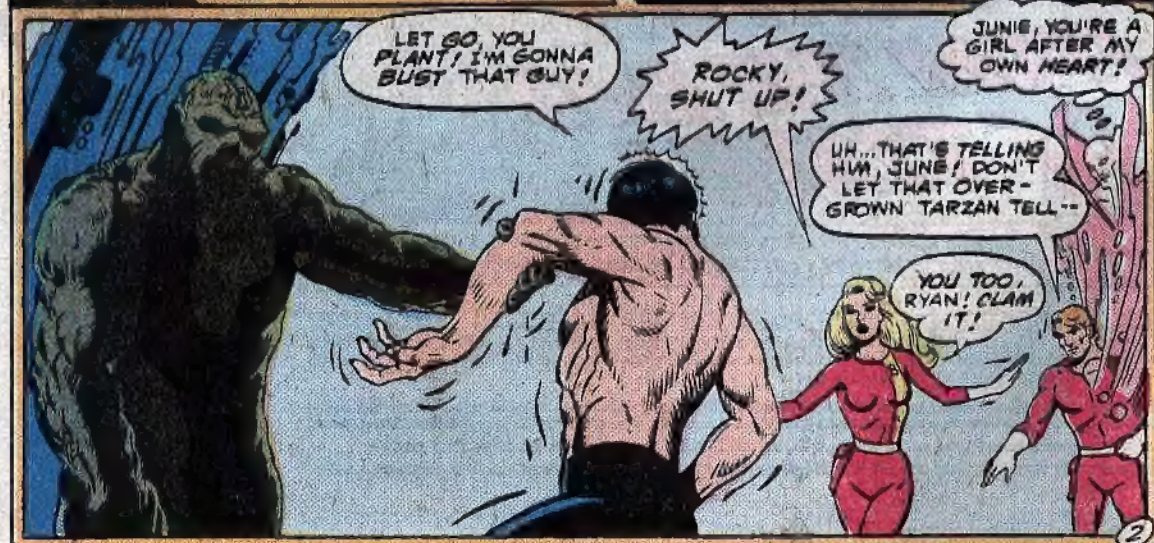
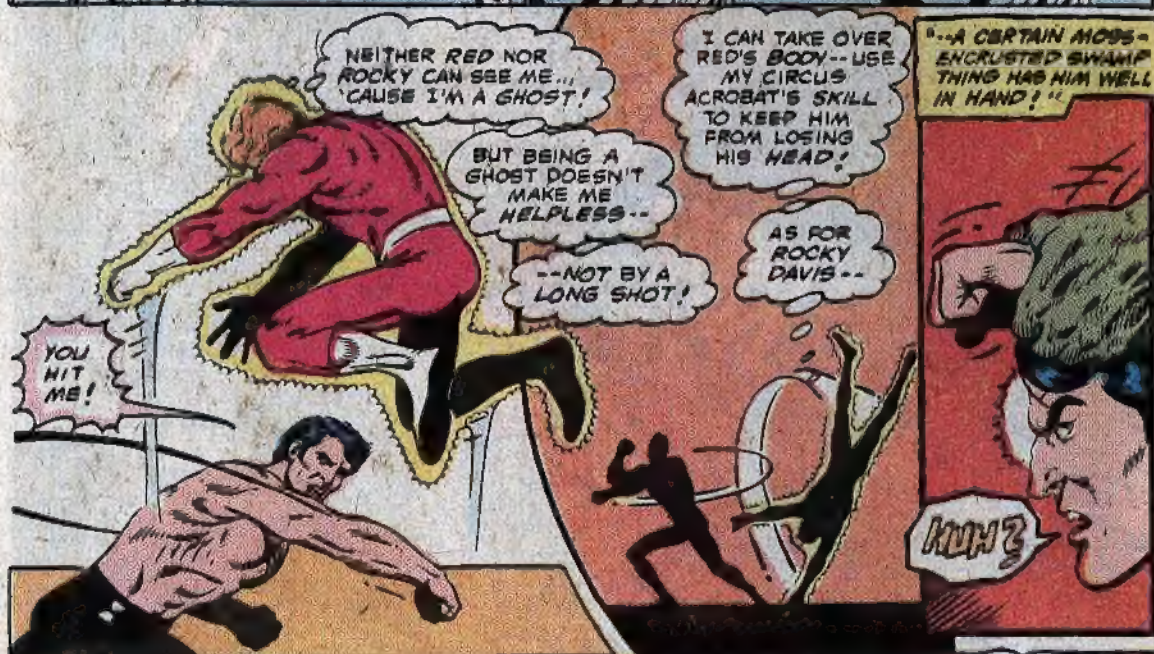
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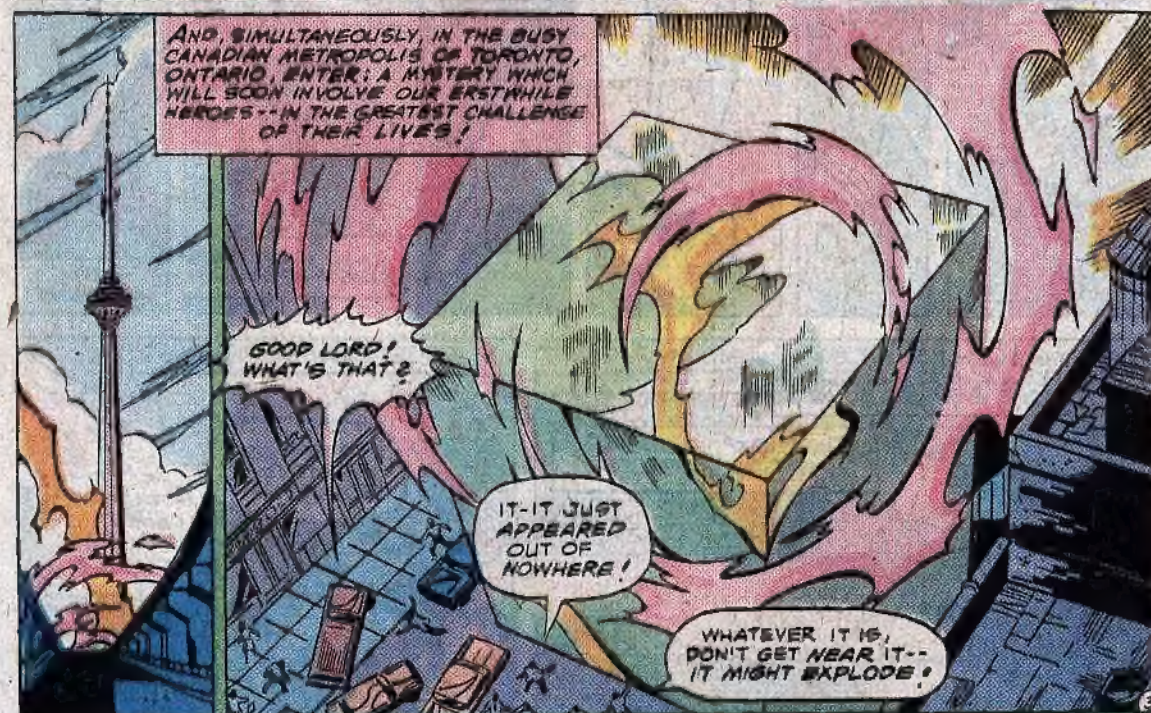
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The BOX from BEYOND

TORONTO IS AN ORDERLY CITY, A CITY OF PEACEFUL AND PLEASANT PEOPLE, A CITY WITH ONE OF THE LOWEST CRIME RATES ON THE CONTINENT...

ITS POLICE FORCE IS EFFICIENT, AND RESPONDS RAPIDLY TO POTENTIAL MENACE --



--RAPIDLY, THOUGH WITH LITTLE EFFECT...

...IMPERVIOUS TO HAND GRENADES...

FOR THE STRANGE GLOWING "BOX" IS SEEMINGLY INVULNERABLE TO GUNFIRE...



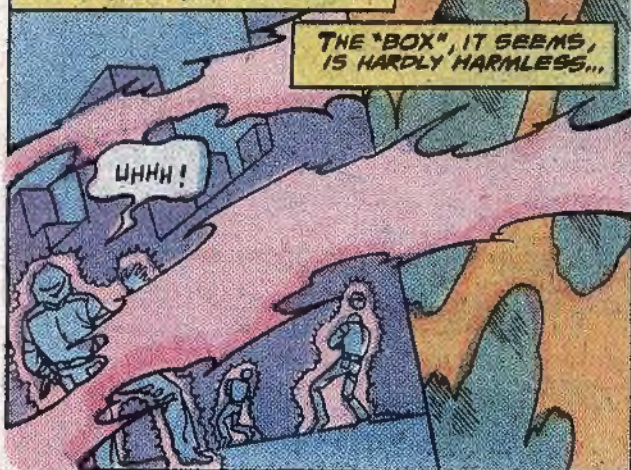
...AND SIMPLY TOO HEAVY TO MOVE --



--BY ANYTHING!

HERE THE MATTER MIGHT END--AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE POLICE AND A CURIOSITY FOR TOURISTS -- BUT FOR ONE SALIENT POINT:

THE "BOX", IT SEEMS, IS HARDLY HARMLESS...



IN FACT, IT MIGHT PROVE DEADLY...

THIS MAN HAS RADIATION SICKNESS--

AND HE CAUGHT IT FROM THAT CUBE!



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RE-ENTER: THE CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN...

FRIENDS, I KNOW HOW YOU ALL LOVE A MYSTERY... AND I THINK WE'VE GOT ONE THAT'S A LULU.

I ONLY WISH I COULD GO TO TORONTO WITH YOU--

UNFORTUNATELY, I'LL BE CONFINED TO THIS WHEELCHAIR FOR ANOTHER FEW WEEKS.

WHAT SORT OF "MYSTERY" IS IT, PROF?

DOES IT MATTER, ACE?

I'D GO SNORKELING UP THE AMAZON JUST FOR A CHANGE OF SCENE!

HIS VOICE STILL WEAK FROM THE FUNGUS WHICH RAVAGED HIS BODY, PROF EXPLAINS THE CANADIAN CRISIS; THEN...

SO THE CANADIANS CONTACTED US! THEIR ARMY CAN'T HANDLE IT!

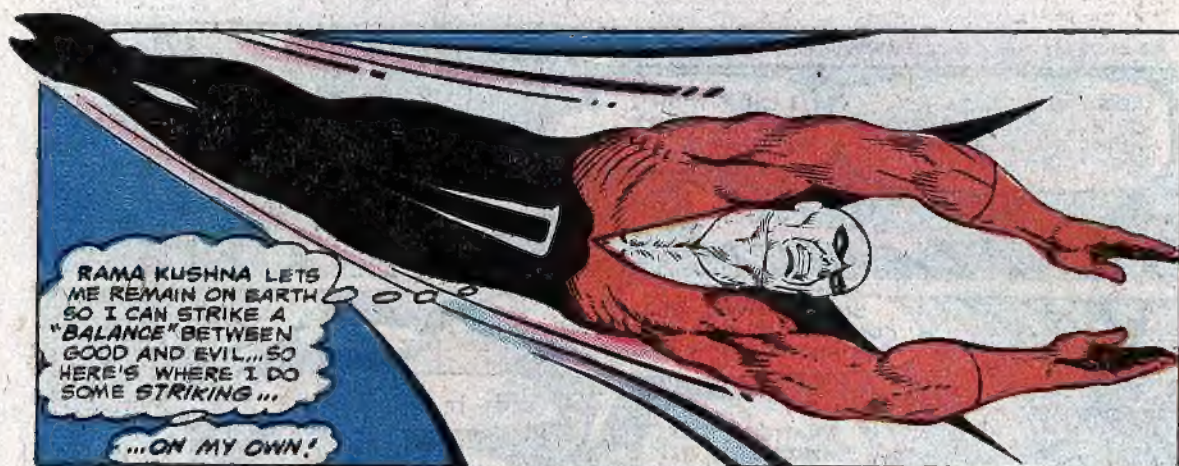
YOU WANT TO GIVE IT A SHOT, CHALLENGERS?

* SEE COTU # 63 - JCH!

WITH A ROAR, THE CHALLENGERS' CUSTOM-BUILT SST SPRINGS SKYWARD OVER THE COLORADO HILLS...

YET, AS FAST AS THE SUPER-SONIC TRANSPORT CAN FLY, IT CAN'T KEEP PACE WITH A DEADMAN--

THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW THEY'VE GOT ME FOR A PARTNER, SO WHY SHOULD I LAG AROUND FOR THEM?



RAMA KUSHNA LETS
ME REMAIN ON EARTH
SO I CAN STRIKE A
"BALANCE" BETWEEN
GOOD AND EVIL... SO
HERE'S WHERE I DO
SOME STRIKING ...

...ON MY OWN!



DOCTOR HOLLAND,
IF YOU'D RATHER
STAY IN THE JET,
WE'LL UNDERSTAND.

ALONE... WITH A MONSTER
IN MY MIRROR? NO THINKS,
I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES
WITH THE CHALLENGERS.

EVEN A SWAMP
THING... NEEDS
TO BELONG...



Y'KNOW, I JUST
CAN'T FIGURE
WHAT MADE RED
SO MAD, ACE.

THINK ABOUT
IT, ROCKY. EVEN
BEFORE JUNE
AND I BROKE
UP, I KNEW HOW
RED FELT ABOUT
HER! I GUESS
SEEING HER WITH
YOU WAS JUST
TOO MUCH FOR
HIM.



HUH? HEY, ACE -- ALL THIS PILOTIN'
MUST'VE SCRAMBLED YOUR BRAINS!

JUNE AND I,
WE'RE JUST
FRIENDS!

UH-HUH. THAT'S
WHAT YOU THINK,
DAVIS. JUNE MAY
HAVE OTHER IDEAS.

C'MON, YOU'RE
KIDDING!

AM I?



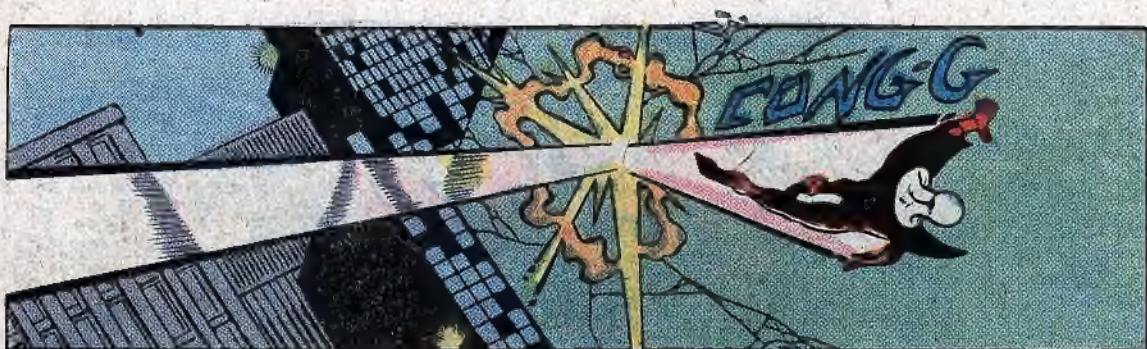
JUNE AND
...ME?



MEANWHILE, IN TORONTO,
WHERE A CONTINENT-
SPANNING WRAITH MAKES
HIS ENTRANCE ...

THEY SAY THIS
THING'S INVULNERABLE.
AND MAYBE IT IS --
TO BULLETS!

BUT A DEADMAN
IS SOMETHING ELSE!
LET'S SEE THIS BABY
KEEP ME OUT--



MOTHER! LAST TIME THAT HAPPENED WAS WHEN I TRIED TO ENTER SWAMPY WHILE MULTI-MAN POSSESSED HIM TELEPATHICALLY!

HUH? NOW WHAT? THE BOX IS STARTIN' TO OPEN --

LOOK! LOOK!

EE EEE EEE

KK-KK--

GOOD LORD!

CHAPTER 2 MONSTERS *and* MEN

SWEET SISTER, ACE! WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME!

THAT THING-- IT'S LIKE NOTHING EARTH'S EVER SEEN! WE'VE FOUGHT A LOT OF NIGHTMARES IN THE PAST--

YEAH--AND IT'S GOTTA BE MY FAULT HE'S LOOSE!

--BUT THAT BABY MAKES KING KONG LOOK LIKE MICKEY MOUSE!



BECAUSE... BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE... YOU HAVE TO GET THE DUMB BRUTE'S ATTENTION!

RRRRRR

ROCKY! FOR GOD'S SAKE, WAKE UP! SWAMP THING NEEDS YOU-- HE'LL BE KILLED!

WHAT--WHERE'S THE TRAIN-- THAT HIT ME--

ROCKY, YOU STUPID LUG--

OH, IT'S NO USE! HE'S TOO GROGGY!

YEAH, BUT WE'RE NOT JUNIE!

MAYBE YOU'RE TOO LIGHT TO FIRE ONE OF THOSE ROCKET GUNS ALONE--

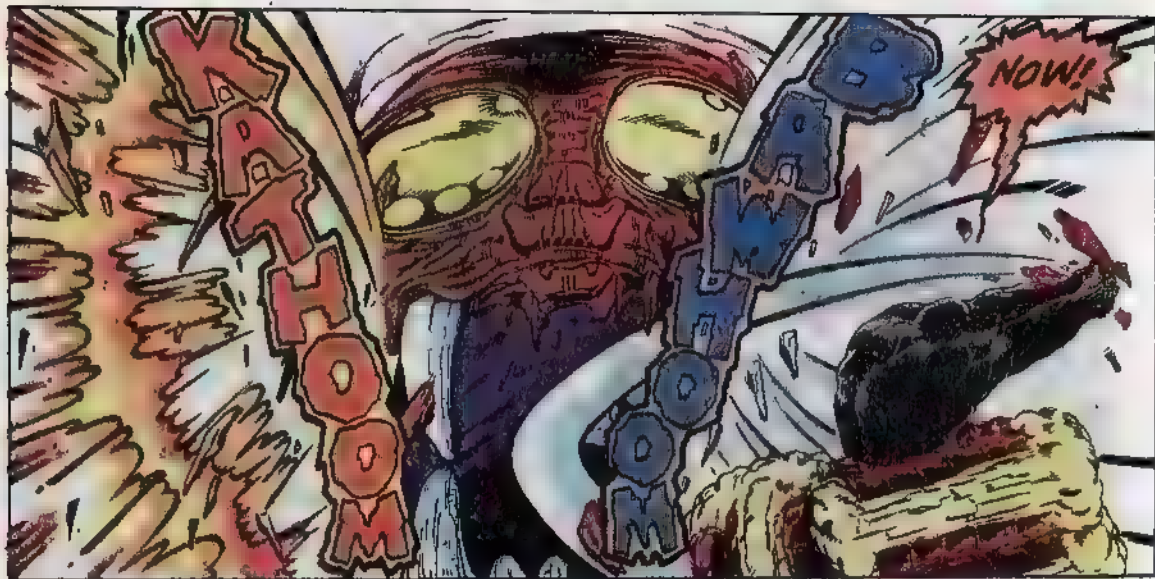
BUT WITH AN OLD ATHLETE GUIDIN' YOUR HAND, MAKING YOU BRACE YOUR BOD EXACTLY RIGHT--

WE JUST MIGHT PULL IT OFF!

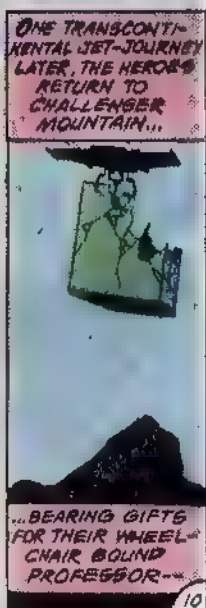
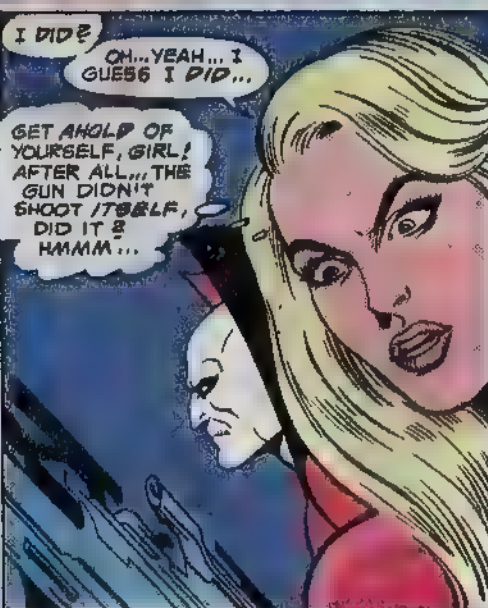
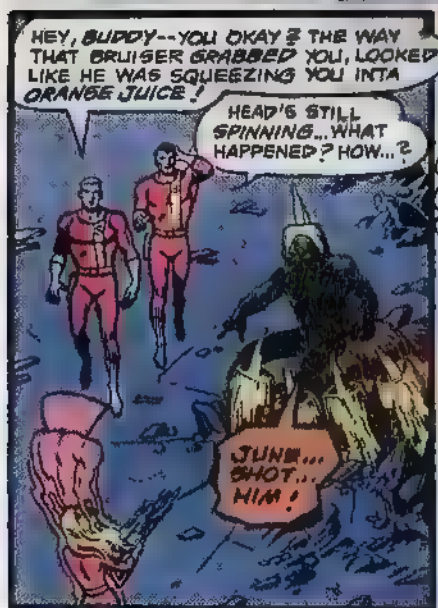
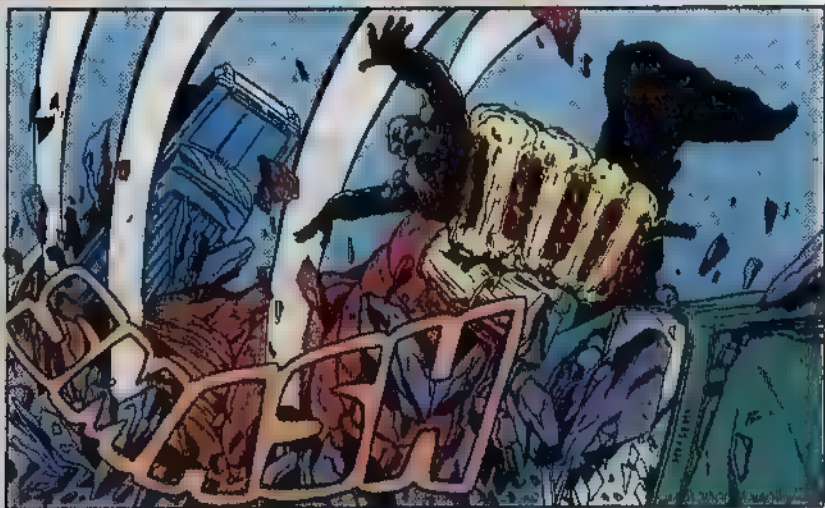
WHILE, ABOVE...

RRRRRRRR

THAT'S RIGHT, UGLY... BRING ME CLOSER... JUST A BIT CLOSER...



TREMBLING LIKE AN OAK STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, THE CREATURE TOTTERS, THEN TOPPLES, COMING DOWN WITH A THUNDEROUS --



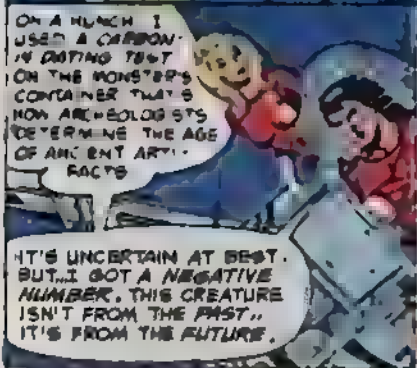
CATION RESEARCH LAB
DO NOT ENTER WHEN
... 4 ...



UNBELIEVABLE! CHALLENGERS,
I'VE EXAMINED THIS CREATURE
WITH EVERYTHING KNOWN TO
SCIENCE. THE REPORTED HIGH
RADIATION HAS VANISHED...

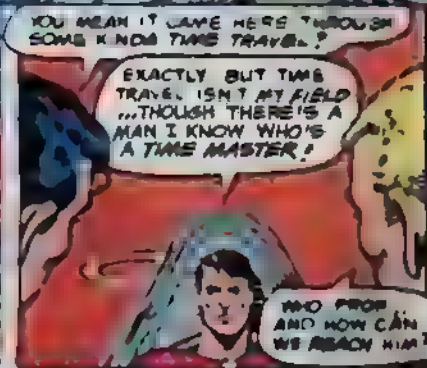
... BUT I CAN TELL YOU
THIS... WHATEVER THIS
CREATURE IS IT SHOULDN'T
BE ALIVE... NOT ON OUR
WORLD, AT THIS TIME!

WHAT DID YOU MEAN
BY THIS TIME PROB?



ON A HUNCH I
USED A CARBON-
14 DATING TEST
ON THE MONSTER'S
CONTAINER THAT'S
NOW ARCHAEOLOGISTS
DETERMINE THE AGE
OF ANCIENT ARTI-
FACTS

IT'S UNCERTAIN AT BEST,
BUT I GOT A NEGATIVE
NUMBER. THIS CREATURE
ISN'T FROM THE PAST...
IT'S FROM THE FUTURE.



YOU MEAN IT CAME HERE THROUGH
SOME KINDA TIME TRAVEL?

EXACTLY. BUT MY TIME
TRAVEL ISN'T MY FIELD
...THOUGH THERE'S A
MAN I KNOW WHO'S
A TIME MASTER!

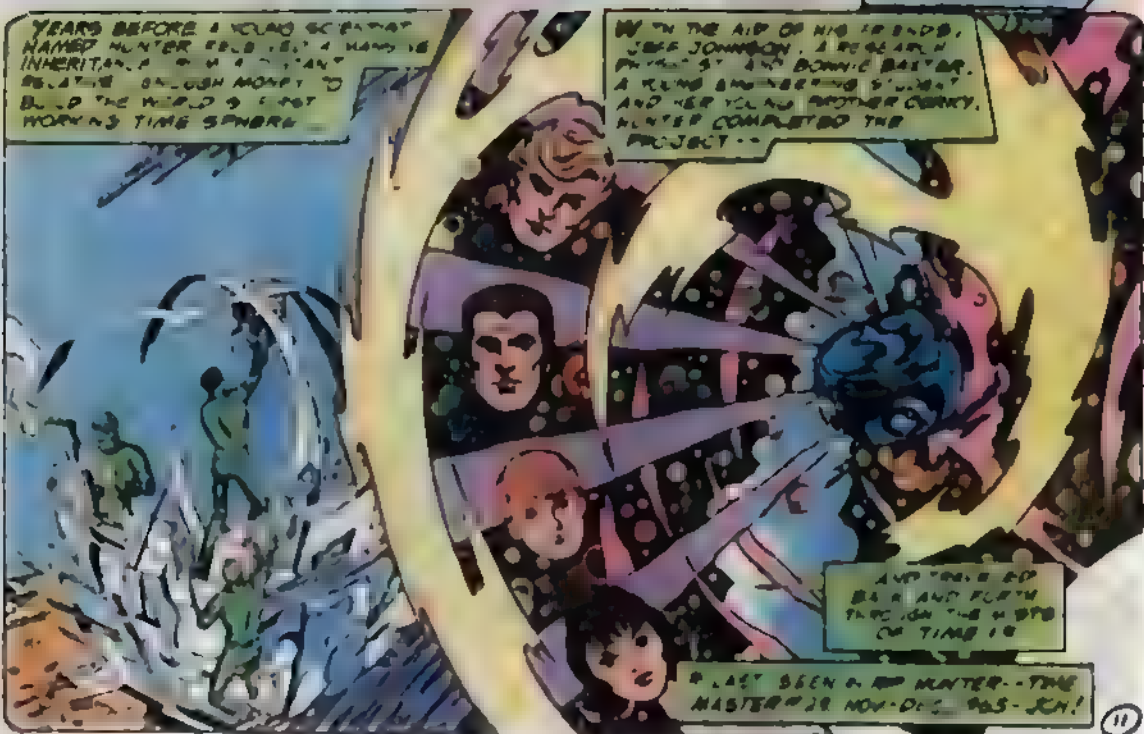
WHO PROB
AND HOW CAN
WE REACH HIM?



HIS NAME'S RIP HUNTER,
AND AS FOR REACHING
HIM, YOU MIGHT HAVE A
PROBLEM.

HE'S BEEN
MISSING FOR
AT LEAST TEN
YEARS!

SO WHY THE AVIAD
CHALLENGER RELATES
A STORY OF PURE
ADVENTURE...

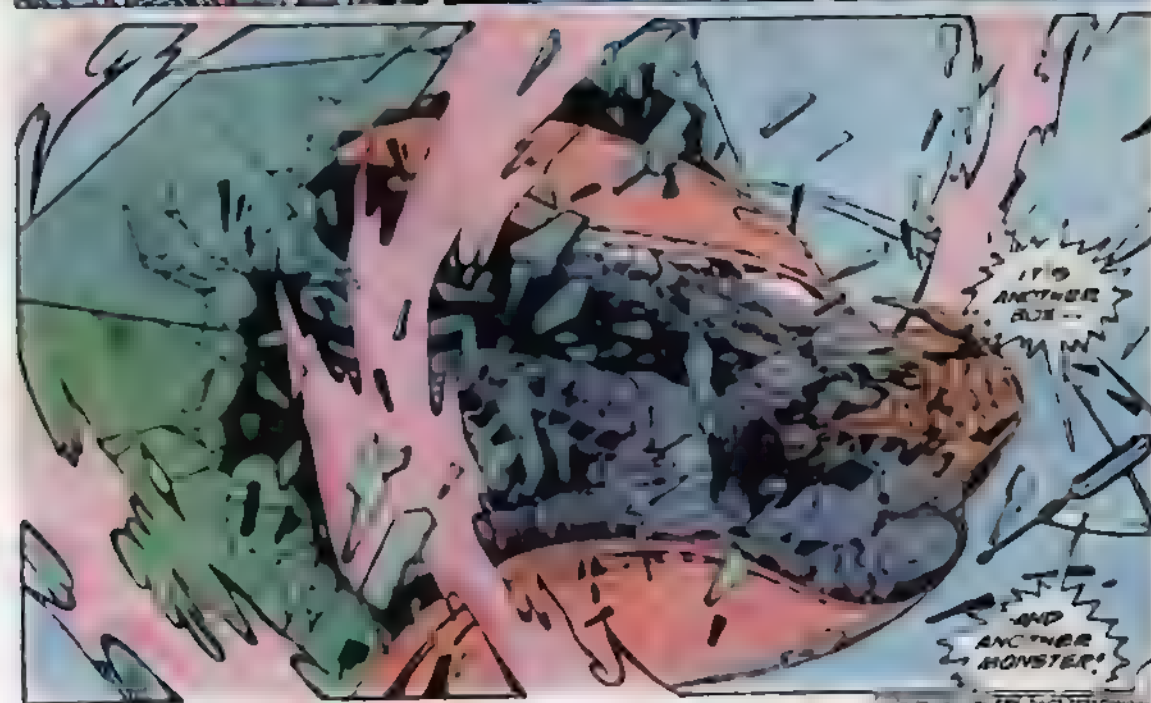
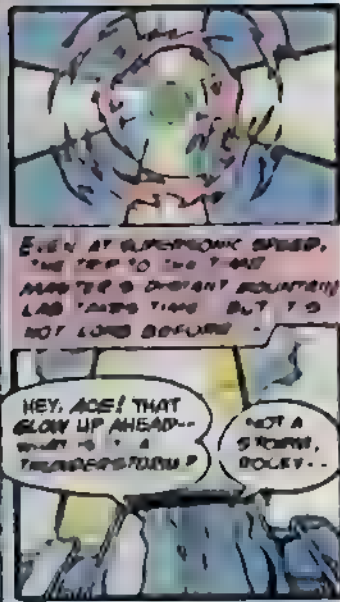
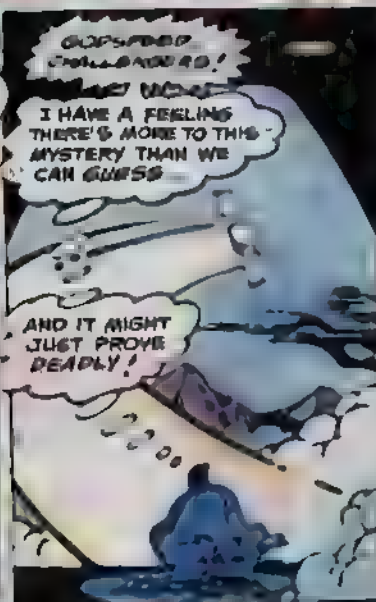


YEARS BEFORE A YOUNG SCIENTIST
NAMED HUNTER FELT HE'D A HAND IN
INHERITING A FORTUNE THAT WOULD
RELATIVE ENOUGH MONEY TO
BUILD THE WORLD'S FIRST
WORKING TIME SPHERE

WITH THE AID OF HIS FRIENDS,
JACK JOHNSON, A RESEARCH
PHYSICIST, AND DONALD BARTER,
A KUNG FU MASTER, HUNTER
AND HER YOUNG BROTHER CUNNY
HUNTER COMPLETED THE
PROJECT...

AND THE TWO
WENT BACK AND FORTH
THROUGH THE HUBS
ON TIME IS

LAST SEEN RIP HUNTER--THE
MASTER OF NOV-DEC 965-JAN!



EVERYBODY STAY CALM. I'VE HANDLED WORSE SITUATIONS WHEN I JOCKEYED A JET FIGHTER!

EASY, ROCKY--LET ACE DO HIS JOB!

WORSE? BACK THEN YOU ONLY TACKLED OTHER JETS--

--NOT THIRTY TONS OF SCALES AND CLAWS!

YOU HEARD THE LADY, DAVID!

GET DOWN AND LET ME DRIVE!

ONLY A SPECIAL KIND OF PILOT CAN MANEUVER AN OCT-LIKE A PAPER ONE. BUT ACE MORGAN IS SPECIAL--

AND FOR LONG MINUTES, HE SAYS A SUPERSONIC CHASE THROUGH THE STRATOSPHERE--

WHERE HE ALREADY BECOMES TOO THIN TO SUPPORT THE 8-80-CAPTURES & MASSES WITHIN THREE ACE PERFORMS AN AERO-DYNAMIC MIRACLE--

--AND DELIVERS THE COLD P-GRACE!

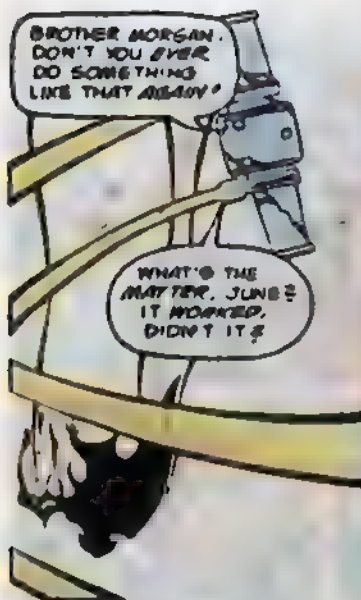
THRAAM!

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FLIGHT into the FUTURE



BROTHER MORGAN. DON'T YOU EVER DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT AGAIN!

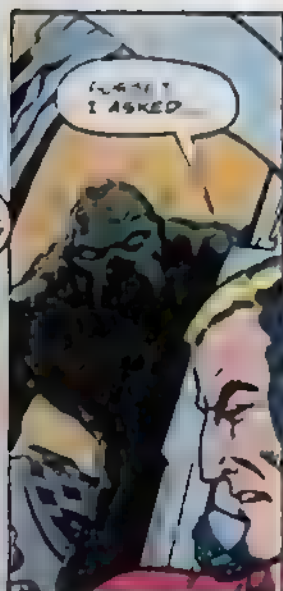
WHAT'S THE MATTER, JUNE? IT WORKED, DIDN'T IT?



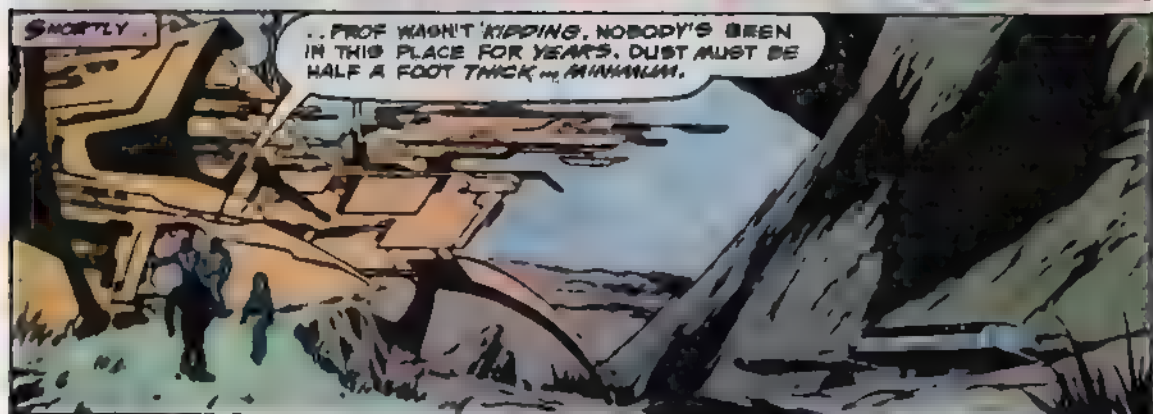
DAMN RIGHT IT WORKED-- AND ALMOST SCARED ME TO DEATH!

YOU? WHAT ABOUT ME? I THOUGHT IT WAS SPAT CITY!

FOLKS, YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE FAITH, RIGHT, SWAMP THING?

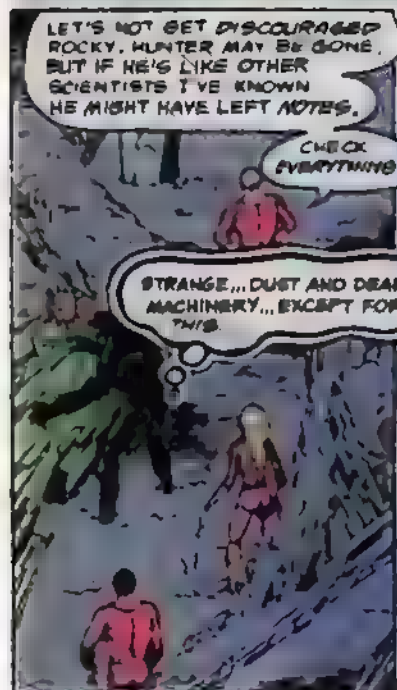


WHAT I ASKED



SHORTLY

...PROF WASN'T KIDDING. NOBODY'S BEEN IN THIS PLACE FOR YEARS. DUST MUST BE HALF A FOOT THICK, *at minimum*.



LET'S NOT GET DISCOURAGED ROCKY. HUNTER MAY BE GONE, BUT IF HE'S LIKE OTHER SCIENTISTS I'VE KNOWN HE MIGHT HAVE LEFT NOTES.

CHECK EVERYTHING

STRANGE... DUST AND DEAD MACHINERY... EXCEPT FOR THIS



WHAT THE --? HOLLAND YOU IDIOT! DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING! I CAN'T BE HURT--BUT IF THAT THING EXPLODES, YOU'LL ALL BE --



HUN?

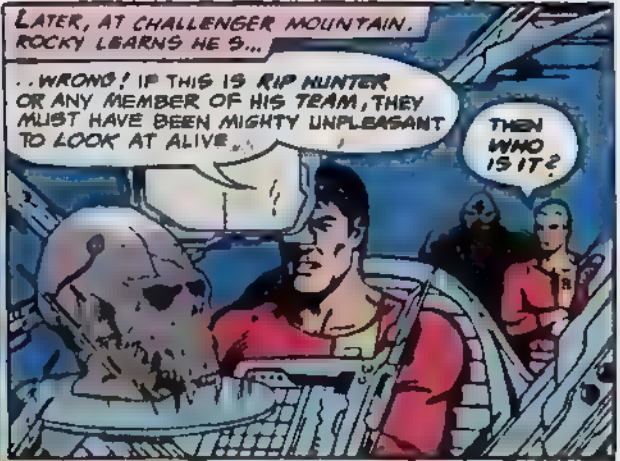
POOON

ROCKY--ACE-- APPEARING OUT OF NOWHERE --

IS THAT HUNTER'S TIME SPHERE?



UH-HUH...
AND THERE'S
HUNTER...



LATER, AT CHALLENGER MOUNTAIN.
ROCKY LEARNS HE'S...

...WRONG! IF THIS IS RIP HUNTER
OR ANY MEMBER OF HIS TEAM, THEY
MUST HAVE BEEN MIGHTY UNPLEASANT
TO LOOK AT ALIVE.

THEN
WHO
IS IT?



MY GUESS IS IT'S A
MAN OF THE FUTURE...

...BUT JUDGING BY THE
SIZE OF THE CRANIUM AND
THESE BEAST-LIKE FANGS,
FUTURE MAN EVOLVED INTO
A SUPER-GENIUS...

.. AND THEN DEGENERATED
INTO SOMETHING WORSE THAN
THE MISSING LINK!

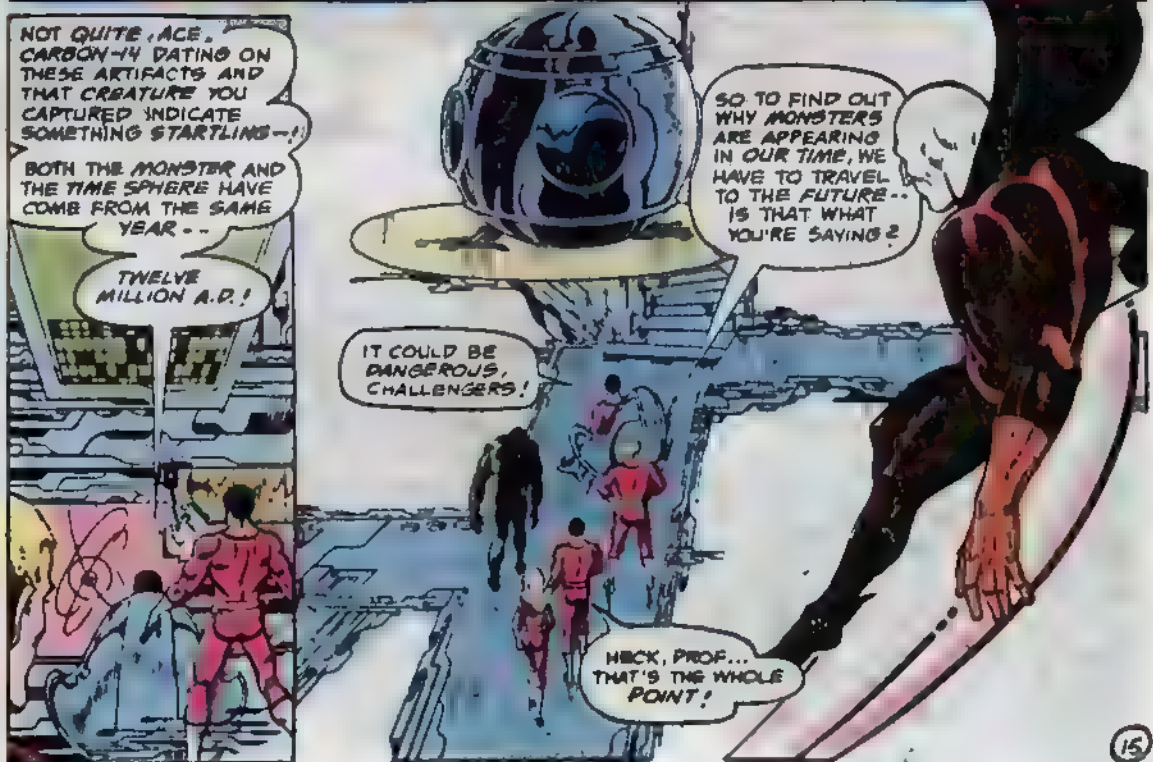


THEN--IF HUNTER
MET UP WITH THOSE
FUTURE MEN--

--HE'S
PROBABLY
DEAD!

NO ONE SHOULD DIE...
LIKE THAT... SO FAR FROM
HOME... AND ALONE...

SO THAT'S IT,
PROF? END OF
THE ROAD?



NOT QUITE, ACE.
CARBON-14 DATING ON
THESE ARTIFACTS AND
THAT CREATURE YOU
CAPTURED INDICATE
SOMETHING STARTLING--!

BOTH THE MONSTER AND
THE TIME SPHERE HAVE
COME FROM THE SAME
YEAR--

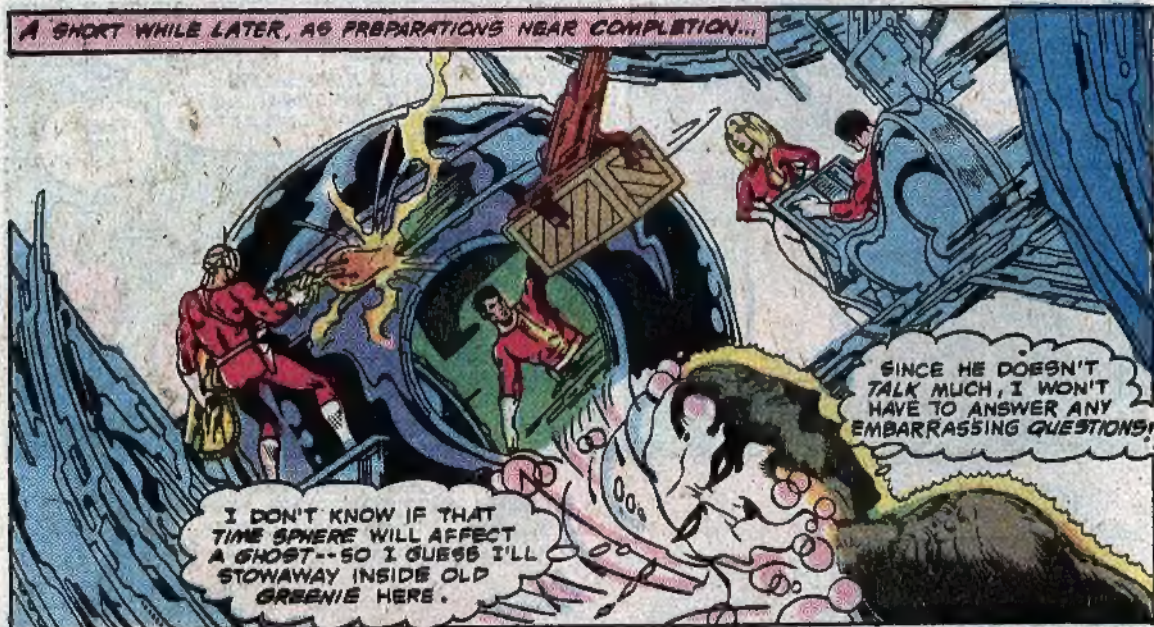
TWELVE
MILLION A.D.!

SO TO FIND OUT
WHY MONSTERS
ARE APPEARING
IN OUR TIME, WE
HAVE TO TRAVEL
TO THE FUTURE--
IS THAT WHAT
YOU'RE SAYING?

IT COULD BE
DANGEROUS,
CHALLENGERS!

HECK, PROF...
THAT'S THE WHOLE
POINT!

A SHORT WHILE LATER, AS PREPARATIONS NEAR COMPLETION...



SINCE HE DOESN'T TALK MUCH, I WON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANY EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS!

I DON'T KNOW IF THAT TIME SPHERE WILL AFFECT A GHOST--SO I GUESS I'LL STOWAWAY INSIDE OLD GREENIE HERE.

WE WON'T BE GONE LONG, PROF. WITH A MACHINE LIKE THIS... WE CAN BE BACK IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!

BE CAREFUL, JUNE, ACE AND ROCKY AND I ARE LIVING ON BORROWED TIME, BUT YOU--

PROF TOLD ME THERE'RE BOXES APPEARING EVERYWHERE NOW... SO WE BETTER FIND OUT HOW TO STOP 'EM BEFORE THOSE BOOGIES OVER-RUN THE WHOLE PLANET!

STOP IT. YOU'RE SOUNDING LIKE RED.

WE'LL DO OUR BEST, ROCKY!

HANG TIGHT, EVERYONE--

--WE'RE MOVING OUT!--

WITH A HUM LIKE THE HIGH-PITCHED WHINE OF A DENTIST'S DRILL, THE TIME SPHERE SHIMMERS... AND IS GONE.

FOR LONG SECONDS AFTER THE GLOBE VANISHES, PROF HALEY STAYS WATCHING...

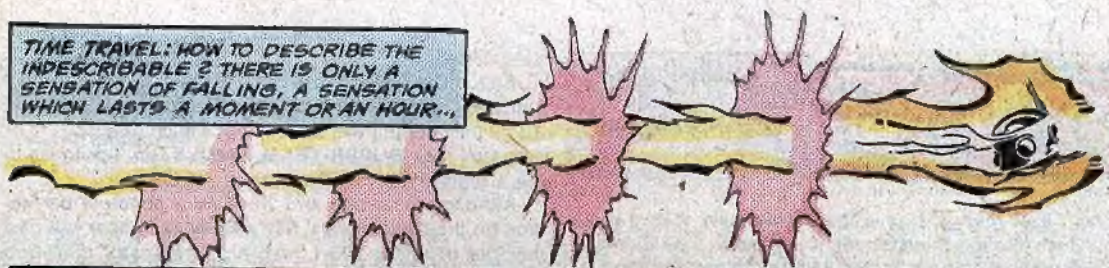
THEN HE SHIVERS AND TURNS AWAY, ALREADY LOST IN GLOOMY THOUGHT...

THUS, HE DOESN'T SEE THE SUDDEN GLOW WHICH APPEARS IN A DARK CORNER OF A LAB...

A GLOW WHICH BEGINS TO EXPAND AND GROW...

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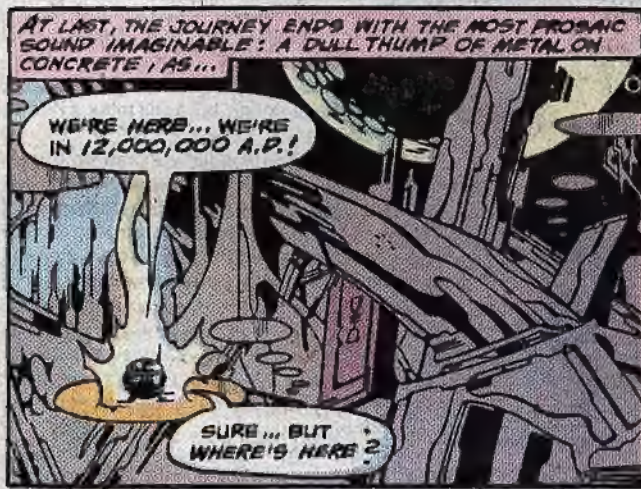
TIME TRAVEL: HOW TO DESCRIBE THE INDESCRIBABLE? THERE IS ONLY A SENSATION OF FALLING, A SENSATION WHICH LASTS A MOMENT OR AN HOUR...



OBOY... THIS IS GIVING ME CLAUSTROPHOBIA!

HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN TRAVELING, ACE?

SUBJECTIVELY: WHO KNOWS? OBJECTIVELY: FOR AT LEAST TEN MILLION YEARS...



AT LAST, THE JOURNEY ENDS WITH THE MOST PROSAIC SOUND IMAGINABLE: A DULL THUMP OF METAL ON CONCRETE, AS...

WE'RE HERE... WE'RE IN 12,000,000 A.D.!

SURE... BUT WHERE'S HERE?

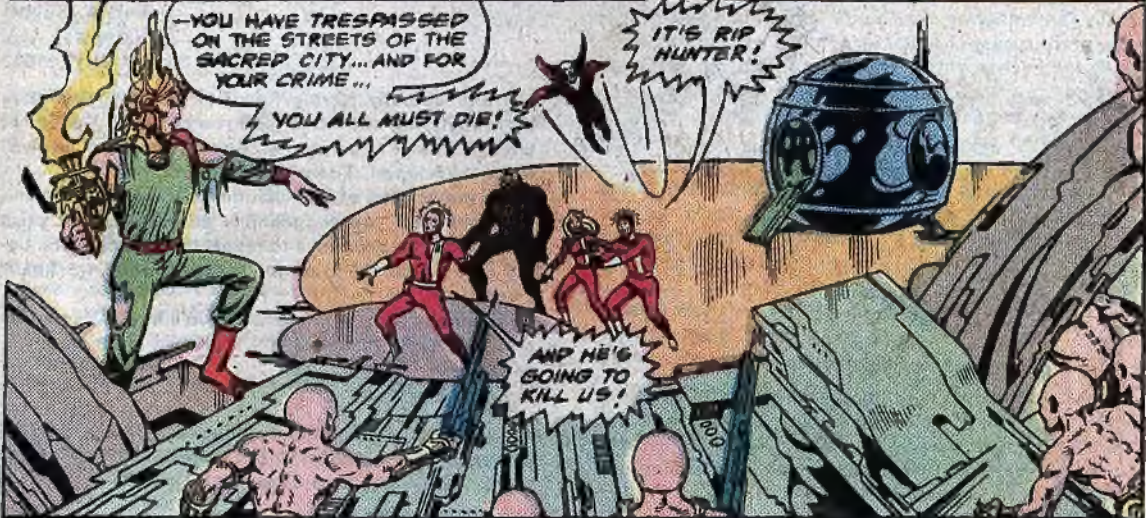


WHEREVER IT IS, ROCKY... IT SEEMS DESERTED.

YOU MEAN ABANDONED? THE DESIGN OF THESE BUILDINGS IS FANTASTIC... BUT THEY'RE CRUMBLING INTO RUINS!

ACE IS RIGHT! THERE'S NOBODY HERE!

CORRECTION... INTERLOPERS...



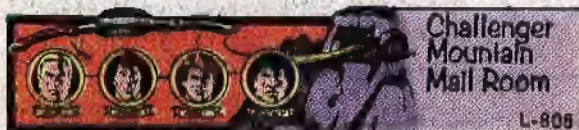
-YOU HAVE TRESPASSED ON THE STREETS OF THE SACRED CITY... AND FOR YOUR CRIME...

YOU ALL MUST DIE!

IT'S RIP HUNTER!

AND HE'S GOING TO KILL US!

NEXT ISSUE: WAR AT TIME'S END ON SALE THE 4TH WEEK IN JANUARY



Dear Editor,

Was I ever glad you gave the **Challengers** their own mag! Even though their stories were great, they didn't seem to fit into **SUPER-TEAM FAMILY**. Now with their own comic, I can buy both **SUPER-TEAM** and **CHALLENGERS** separately.

"Fantastic," I thought when I saw the cover of **CHALLENGERS** #81 (why didn't you call it #1?). But then I started thinking, "What if Mike Nasser's artwork isn't as good as James Sherman's and Jack Abel's." But as I read along, I sighed, "This is super!"

So I now congratulate you! You handled it beautifully and worked in the scenes perfectly! Prof Haley not only escaped, but he helped his friends who were 1-don't-know-how-many miles away! But please, don't make this the end of Multi-Man.

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As we said in the beginning of this new **CHALLENGERS** series, we're going to experiment. That is one of the reasons you see the work of Keith Giffen and John Celardo on these recent **CHALLENGERS** epics. It's a different approach than Sherman's or Nasser's, but we think it fits the mood we're developing pretty well.

We're numbering the **CHALLENGERS** from where it left off years ago. #1 was published way back in 1955! And by now you know, Multi-Man still lives!—JCH

Dear DC,

I have always considered two comics to be very similar in concept: **BLACKHAWK** and **CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN**. **BLACKHAWK**'s revival didn't prove successful, but I would just like you to know that what you're doing with the **Challengers** is excellent. Like the **Blackhawks**, I read the **Challengers** as a kid, not really remembering very much about them except that they were a cast of four men. Now a woman has been added. She has yet to prove herself to me as far as heroics are concerned, but she sure looks nice.

The number five seems to be a magical number of comics—not too many characters. Just the right number of personalities to work with.

I hope that was the Swamp Thing Rocky saw at the end of that tunnel—a few cameos would be appreciated. Mike Nasser's art reminds me of Adams, so who's complaining, and I like your politics. I recognized your tractor salesman!

Jeff DeMoe

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JUNE ROBBINS (our fifth member, but NOT our fifth wheel) has been around since the **CHALLENGERS' SHOWCASE** days and has already proved herself. Cameos are a plenty and just who did you think our salesman was supposed to be?—JCH

Dear Editor,

So the **Challengers** are back in their own magazine. I can't say that I was their greatest supporter in their last run (I only bought two issues), but if each new issue is as good as their **SUPER-TEAM FAMILY** run, I promise to be a faithful fan from now on.

Although Sherman and Abel were absolute perfection on the **Challengers' STF** run, Mike Nasser is a new favorite of mine, and I have high hopes for him. Bob Wiacek's inks, however, do not do the justice to Nasser's pencils that Austin or Rubenstein have in the past. Under either of these inkers, Nasser's style not only rivals, but actually resembles those of Neal Adams and Mike Grell. An awesome feat, to say the least.

I refrain from passing judgement on Gerry Conway's writing as yet. I do approve, however, of your plans to reinforce the idea of the "unknown" in future stories. I have heard, via the Hot-Line, of the revivals of **Swamp Thing**, **Deadman** and **Rip Hunter** in future issues. I look forward to these, and would also like to request a guest shot for the **Phantom Stranger**. DC's most "unknown" super-hero may yet re-earn his own magazine, if you give him a chance.

By the way, "Challenger Mountain Mail Room" seems to be a rather awkward lettercol title, as did the old "Let's Chat With the Challs" and "Pen-Challs." How about "Fans of the Unknown," "Challengers of the Editor," or simply "Challengers' Mail Room"? I don't particularly care for these either, but I still think a new title would be better.

Finally, I know that you are chiefly in the entertainment business, but I don't think that it would be too hard for you to stress scientific accuracy a bit. On page 6 of issue 81, Red Ryan refers to "positive neutrons." This is a contradiction in terms, as neutrons are, by definition, electrically neutral. I believe the word you were searching for is "protons." Also, "negatively charged protons" are not impossible. They are known as anti-protons, and are basic particles of antimatter. A collision between protons and anti-protons would cause a tremendous explosion similar to the one you described. I'll send you my bill for scientific consultation.

I look forward to the next issue, as the **Challengers** visit what must be the only monocromatic town on earth!

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We're actually having fun with all the guest-stars we're featuring and we're glad you approve. You're not alone, as most of our correspondants love the "crowd" we've developed. There're more to come!

We announced a letter column contest last issue and we'll consider your suggestions as entries. The prize (which we had promised to reveal this issue) is still being discussed. We'll let you in on it when we finally award it.

As for your "consultation fee," you'll have to wait—we don't get paid all that much for these letter pages!—JCH

Send us YOUR comments to: **CHALLENGER MOUNTAIN MAIL ROOM**, DC Comics, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10019!

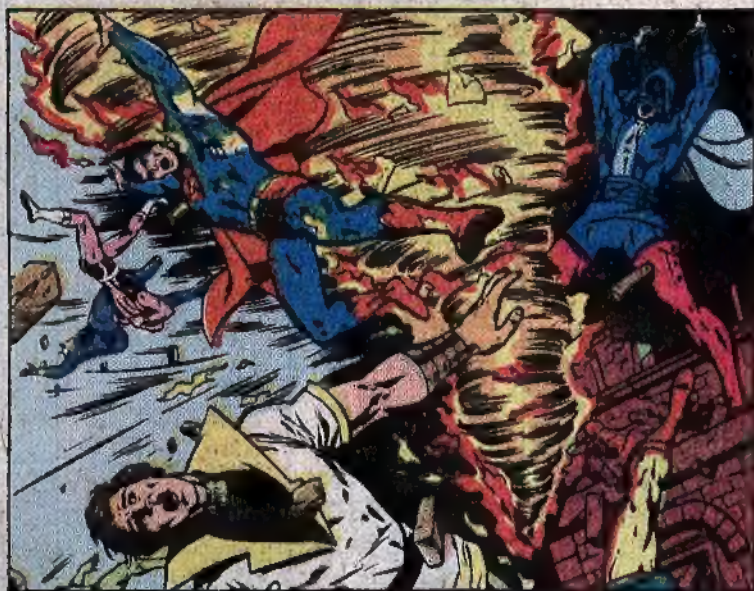
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KARATE KID BATTLES LEGION!

LEGIONNAIRES AND SUPERBOY JOIN FORCES AGAINST MARTIAL ARTS MASTER

(Smallville, 1950's)—*Karate Kid* was snatched out of 1977 and tossed back through time to what appeared to be *Superboy's* home town of Smallville! But the town was a fake and the *Superboy* he found there was intent on destroying it with super-spawned earthquakes. Then, as the master of martial arts managed to contain *Superboy*, enter the *Legion of Super-Heroes*—to aid the seemingly berserk Boy of Steel in his battle against *Karate Kid*!

What was going on and what part did the insidious *Major Disaster* play in it? You'll find all the startling answers in "Tomorrow's Battle—Yesterday" by Bob Rozakis, Juan Ortiz and Bob McLeod in *KARATE KID* #13, on sale the week of November 28th. And also in the issue, find out about Iris Jacobs' "new life" and its startling consequences!



ASK THE ANSWER MAN

Q: Why isn't *METAL MEN* published monthly?—Stuart Love. A: There isn't enough reader-support, which is why the magazine has been cancelled. #56 was the last issue.

Q: Why doesn't the *Daily Planet* appear in your best-sellers, *SUPERMAN* and *BATMAN*?—Sam Harsh. A: The *Planet* appears in different magazines each month, alternating with the *Publishorial*. In fact, the DP was in both *SUPERMAN* and *BATMAN* this month.

Q: If you have to have at least one super-power to join the *Legion*, how did *Karate Kid* get in since he has no powers?—Jeff Chester. A: *KK* has mastered a technique which enables him to smash steel with his bare hands and was able to battle *Superboy* to a draw when he applied for *LSH* membership. This, the *Legionnaires* decided, was enough to qualify him for membership.

Q: I know you were asked this before, but there must be some reason for the *Phantom Stranger's* appearance in *GREEN LANTERN* #93! Can't you tell me?—Jeff Metzner. A: The reason was that the artist felt like putting him there... and nobody bothered to take him out!

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ACTION COMICS #480—*Superman* is whiling away his final hour on JLA monitor duty when it's suddenly time for "Amazo's Big Breakthrough" by Cary Bates, Curt Swan and Francisco Chiaramonte.

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JONAH HEX #10—It's *Jonah* versus El Papagayo in "Violence at Vera Cruz" by Michael Fleisher and Jose Luis Garcia Lopez.

JUSTICE LEAGUE #152—Three aliens come from space bearing gifts in "2,000 Light-Years to Christmas" by Gerry Conway, Dick Dillin and Frank McLaughlin.

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